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SUUJ: CIVAIR: LAN CHILE PLANS TO CONDUCT FLIGHTS TO
FRANKFURT VIA MIAMI/NEW YORK

1. LAN CHILE HAS APPLIED TO CAB FOR AN AMENDMENT OF ITS
FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT TO EXTEND ITS SANTIAGO-MIAMI/
NEW YORK SERVICE TO FRANKFURT. THE 1948 US-CHILE AIR
TRANSPORT AGREEMENT GRANTS CHILE TRAFFIC RIGHTS FROM MIAMI/
NEW YORK TO POINTS BEYOND THE US. DESPITE CHILE'S ROUTE
AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT, THERE IS CONSIDER-
ABLE CONCERN ON THE PART OF PAN AM, NATIONAL AND OTHER US
AIRLINES THAT LAN CHILE'S PROPOSAL WOULD UNDULY CONTRIBUTE
TO CAPACITY PROBLEMS OVER NORTH ATLANTIC, AND CAUSE CON-
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SIDERABLE DIVERSION FROM US AIRLINES SERVICE. THE POTEN-
TIAL FOR DIVERSION WOULD BE ESPECIALLY GREAT IF LAN CHILE
WERE TO ENGAGE IN SOME FORM OF A POOLING ARRANGEMENT WITH
LUFTHANSA. DISSATISFACTION HAS ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED BY
US AIRLINES WITH THE FACT THAT THE ROUTE AWARDED TO CHILE
SOME THIRTY YEARS AGO IS OVERGENEROUS IN TERMS OF TODAY'S
AVIATION REALITIES. ACCORDINGLY, CONSIDERATION IS BEING

GIVEN BY SOME ELEMENTS IN US AIRLINE INDUSTRY TO RECOMMEND
A REVIEW AND POSSIBLY A RENEGOTIATING OF THIS AGREEMENT.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IT
IF EMBASSY WERE TO MAKE INFORMAL ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE
FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) LAN CHILE'S OPERATING PLANS TO
FRANKFURT, INCLUDING PROPOSED STARTING DATE, NUMBER OF
WEEKLY FLIGHTS AND ANY INFORMATION AS TO CAPACITY;
(B) WHETHER OR NOT FRANKFURT FLIGHTS WOULD BE OPERATED
FROM BOTH MIAMI AND NEW YORK; (C) DEGREE OF GERMAN
PARTICIPATION IN LAN CHILE'S OPERATIONS, I.E. IS THERE TO
BE A REVENUE POOL WITH LUFTHANSA, OR ANY OTHER COOPERA-
TIVE ARRANGEMENT? GENERAL COMMENTS AS TO DEGREE OF
CHILEAN COMMITMENT TO FRANKFURT SERVICE WOULD BE WELCOME
AS WELL AS EMBASSY'S VIEWS CONCERNING POSSIBLE CHILEAN
REACTION TO ANY US MOVES LEADING TO A RENEGOTIATION OF
THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS UTMOST DISCRETION IN COLLECTING
ABOVE-REQUESTED INFORMATION SINCE WE DO NOT WISH TO ALARM
CHILEANS AT THIS TIME OR CAUSE THEM TO QUESTION OUR GOOD
FAITH IN COMPLYING WITH THE BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT.

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